

## REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

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A method of classifying data objects by associating the data objects with classification parameters is disclosed. Each classification parameter is associated with a data object when values of one or more metadata parameters fall within a certain range. Advantageous embodiments provide possibilities for automatic classification by extracting criteria for classification from the database itself. This is done by checking similarity between data objects having equal values for the classification parameter. Similarity is based on the values of the metadata related to, for example, creation of the data object.